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SUBJ: STATUS OF EVALUATION SA NUCLEAR POWER BIDS

1. REP OF US CONSULTING FIRM DOING SURVEY FOR ESCOM ON KOEBERG NUCLEAR POWER STATION TOLD US OCT 8 THAT IN TECHNICAL EVALUATION OF BIDS HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO GIVE FIRST CONSIDERATION TO FRENCH CONSORTIUM BID, THEN GERMAN, WITH US-SWISS BID THIRD. HE WAS NOT GIVEN REASONS FOR THIS ORDER OF FAVORITISM BUT SURMISED, AS WE DO, THAT FRENCH ROLE AS ARMS SUPPLIER MAY HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT FACTOR. HE WAS WORKING FROM REFINED BID DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED SEPT 39, BUT HAD NO INFORMATION ON COMMERCIAL SIDE. ON TECHNICAL SIDE FRENCH PROPOSALS WERE BETTER WORKED OUT THAN GERMAN OR US BUT WE NOTED THAT FRENCH DOCUMENTS WERE IN SOME CASES DUPLICATES OF PLAND FOR IRAN REACTORS 3 AND 4, WITH SUCH LABELS STILL ON THEM.

2. INTERESTING ASPECT OF PROJECT IS WIDE BREACH BETWEEN ESCOM AND SAAEB. AS ESCOM CONSULTANT HE HAS TO CLEAR WITH IR BEFORE TALKING TO SAAEB AT PELINDABA ABOUTH PROJECT. LATTER HAS SAFETY LICENSING RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROJECT, BUT, SOURCE SAID, HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO COME UP WITH ITS REQUIREMENTS, FOR LACK OF EXPERIENCE, TO PRESENT TO ESCOM. AEB WAS TAKING LINE THAT IT WOULD CONSIDER ESCOM PROPOSALS FIRST. THIS APPEARS TO BEAR OUT EARLIER REPORTS THAT ESCOM WAS NEVER ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT
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KOEBERG NUCLEAR PROJECT BUT HAD GONE AHEAD AS RESULT SAAEB

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